

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: February 15, 2021

"Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness."
- George Washington, 1790

There are no classes President's Day, Monday, February 15th.

The rest of the week's schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Thursday – Periods 2 / 4 / 6

Wednesday, Friday – Periods 1 / 3 / 5

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

VALENTINE GRAMS: Malibu Middle and Malibu High School Choirs continued the annual tradition of singing Valentines Grams. Watch them here:

<https://www.smmusd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=12&ModuleInstanceID=5549&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=10147&PageID=17>

WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class **February 15-February 26**. Students must use their district Chromebook to take the test. Students should charge their school chromebook and restart their chromebook to ensure all updates are completed prior to these dates. SSID numbers to log-in were emailed to students SMMK12 accounts last week.

HELP SELECT THE MMS MASCOT: We need your help! Malibu Middle School is currently in the process of selecting a new mascot. To start this process, all of our students will begin a research project in which they will learn how to find a mascot that best represents our school's identity and history. One important aspect of this journey is to collect data from our community, students, and staff. Please take this [survey](#) to help us gather preliminary data regarding initial thoughts for our mascot. Keep in mind that sometime in April we will have a second survey as well. For more information about our search for the perfect mascot, please read this [article](#) that was published in The Current. Congratulations to Chloe Loquet (8th grader) for being our first Malibu Middle student to get their article published in The Current!

8th GRADE PARENTS - MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING: Please join us for our next monthly meeting on Friday, February 19th at 9am (ZOOM link below.)

If you don't know, ABC is the booster club that supports athletics at Malibu High School. We raise a significant amount of money that goes directly to funding needs that are above and beyond what the district is able to fund. If your athlete has worked with Marie or Nate, that's due to the work of the ABC team. New uniforms? That's us too. Assistant coaches above what the district can fund are also funded by the work of ABC. The list of things that ABC funds surprises a lot of people when they first get involved. **2021-2022 Freshman families**, your athlete may be participating in summer conditioning in a few months so your involvement this spring can influence their experience sooner than you might have thought! We are looking to fill several board positions for next year and we need your help to continue to enhance our athletic programs. If you have any questions before the meeting please reach out:

Johanna Muller, ABC President - Johannachris1000@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6129719560?pwd=cUJ6U3RPMjRvdSt3NFJ3ZXFIM0xrZz09>
- Meeting ID: 612 971 9560
- Passcode: 0hSy3b

2021-22 PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS: The Malibu Middle & High School PTSA is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2021-22 Executive Board. For any parents who want to get involved with events at our school, please consider becoming part of our PTSA board. This is an exciting time to join the leadership of the PTSA and help us map our ambitious future. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact lesliejbutton@yahoo.com or elissam33@icloud.com. You will find a cohesive group of parents who really want to support our school!!!

VALENTINE YEARBOOK CONTEST: For Valentine's day this year we want to hear about somebody or something you love and create a yearbook spread about it! It could be a photo of a loved one, a friend, a pet or even the thing you love to do most - anything that shows an expression of love... WRITE IT, DRAW IT, PAINT IT, or SHARE A PIC! The winner of the contest will get \$25 in SweetBu Bucks to spend at Malibu's very special candy store – Sweet Bu. All entries must be submitted by February 19th. Please email to taniajolly@smmusd.org

YEARBOOK CONTEST WINNERS!: We have winners for our two previous contests!

Halloween Contest: Congratulations to AVA NICCOL for her fantastic Halloween photo entry for the MMS yearbook and to all the students that entered! Ava wins \$40 in SweetBu Bucks to spend in Malibu's own candy store Sweet Bu! Enjoy Ava

Holiday Contest: Thank you to all the students who entered their festive and fun holiday photos for the Yearbook Holiday Photo Contest! We have tons of great shots and all of them will make the yearbook. The winner is MARLEY SHAPIRO, whose photo showed a wonderfully festive socially distanced Christmas! Congratulations Marley, you have won a \$20 Starbucks gift card!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK: Order your Yearbooks now! There is probably a lot you'll want to forget about 2020 but remember the highlights with a 100+ page book of great MMS memories! Click [HERE](#) and order yours today!

HEALTH SCREENING LINK: We ask that all staff, parents and students coming to campus utilize the health screening link to answer the health screening questions and show the green screen with the current date prior to entering campus. [Linked here are the directions for putting the screening link icon on your device and utilizing the link.](#) Please remember:

- DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL!
- DO NOT GATHER ON CAMPUS. MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES!
- ALWAYS WEAR A MASK WHEN ON CAMPUS!

8TH GRADE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP: On Friday, February 26, our 8th graders will go on a virtual visit to The Holocaust Museum of Los Angeles. This is an annual field trip our 8th graders have attended for many years. Due to Covid, the museum is closed for in person visits and they have created virtual experiences for schools. Mrs. Lapajne will be sending out more information through her class. For more information about the museum, visit <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/>. Please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Nickerson at enickerson@smmusd.org if you have any questions/concerns about your child attending this virtual field trip.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After school math tutoring is available virtually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Here are the links and times:

- [Mondays: Cindy Smith \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Wednesdays: Brian Corrigan \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Thursdays: Nahla Seikali's \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK?: Parents or students [MUST USE THIS LINK](#) and complete the Chromebook Incident Report in order to request Chromebook exchange or repair, and all defective parts must be turned in. If the issue is that the device does not power on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: bit.ly/SMMDLP. Questions? Please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org.

OUR LIBRARY HAS MOVED! INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEXTBOOKS: We are thrilled to announce the Malibu Middle/High School Library is in the process of moving into its home in the new Main Building! **If you need a textbook, please email Sarah Ryan at s.ryan@smmusd.org to make arrangements.** We cannot wait to share our new space with you!

MALIBU MIDDLE/HIGH OFFICE HOURS - The school office is closed, except for essential activities or by appointment. We will open for limited office hours primarily to answer phone calls between 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday and 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on Friday. Email continues to be the best way to reach our school staff during this time of distance learning. All visitors to campus must sign-in, wear a mask, and will have their temperature taken upon arrival.

Questions about:

Student Store: msslawter@smmusd.org
Textbooks: s.ryan@smmusd.org and acrilley@smmusd.org
Schedule Changes: enickerson@smmusd.org
Copy of Schedule: sanderson@smmusd.org
Registration Packet: sanderson@smmusd.org
Enrollment: bsoloway@smmusd.org
General Questions: taniajolly@smmusd.org
Technical Support: mmssupport@smmusd.org
Zoom link issues: Email the teacher directly. [Staff Directory](#)

INFORMATION: For the most up-to-date information, please visit our school website at [Malibu Middle / Homepage](#) and follow us on Twitter [@MalibuMiddle](#)

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed **Monday, February 15** in observance of President's Day. As a result, Friday, February 19th will be a periods 1/3/5 day. Students will have periods 1/3/5 on Wednesday and Friday, and periods 2/4/6 on Tuesday and Thursday.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Our next School Site Council meeting is Thursday, February 18th at 3:00 pm. The agenda and link will be available [HERE](#).

END OF GRADING PERIOD: Grading period 4 ends **Friday, February 19th**. Please remember, this first grading period will only reflect a handful of assignments so ensure that you are completing all tasks asked of you on time and to the best of your ability. Progress reports will be mailed the following week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on Thursday, February 25th at 9am for our association meeting followed by a Session on "De-stressing During Distance Learning." Gabi Shalhoub, our school psychologist intern, will give us the essence of Stress Management and self-care followed by Yvette Rose who will get our blood moving with a guided breath work meditation for mental clarity and more energy.

- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83315429761?pwd=NkRXNXBRWFZaWTdKaEJHOUxTTlJqUT09>
- Meeting ID: 833 1542 9761
- Passcode: PTSA

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

SEWI WORKSHOP: Not sure how to talk with youth about the world right now? On Wednesday, February 10th from 10 – 11:30 am, join the Social and Emotional Wellness Initiative for a workshop on “How to Have Challenging Conversations with Youth.”

- Tips and trick on how to engage youth in challenging conversations.
- Feel more confident talking to the young people in your life.
- Create a supportive environment to help navigate this crazy time.
- Find ways to bring up what you’re worried about hi your kids’ lives.

Sign up at [SEWI.ORG/ONLINE](https://www.sewi.org/online). Open to all adults for a \$10 fee. Can’t make the date/time? Sign up and the recording will be emailed to you.

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: Learn about all the different offerings available through the Adult Education Center [here](#).

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU AND THE WELLNESS CENTER:

The Boys and Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering virtual programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current virtual programs include:

- **Announcing: THERE IS NO PLANet B. A Keystone Project facilitated through BGCM Programs, Leaders In Training & Torch Club.** Made possible by the Pacific Youth Foundation. For grades 6th-12th, this ongoing program focuses on mentorship, service to the community, personal development, and learning what it means to be a LEADER. We believe in committing to the well-being of the environment and respect for our planet! Participants are eligible for community service learning hours and will have access to the latest opportunities for service projects, scholarship opportunities, & more. Why Join?
 - Service Projects
 - Group Discussions
 - Fun Activities
 - Grassroots Activism

*Both Virtual & In-Person Service Opportunities Available.

Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org to join.

- **Teen Support Group Facilitated by BGCM Wellness Center (Mondays at 5PM)** Drop-in virtual support group offering a safe space for teens, ages 14-18, to discuss the challenges of quarantine. Zoom ID: 889-136-8539
- **"Power Hour" Free Homework Help/Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 2-3 PM)**
<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09> Passcode: 026892

- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized drug and alcohol prevention Club through weekly meetings, activities, challenges, and virtual "socials" to help teens live a healthy lifestyle. Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Check out our [Wellness Page](#) to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please email info@bgcmalibu.org Please be advised our phone system is currently down. **For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)**